

How You can Help the Homeless

The best way you can help is by supporting local organizations, such as:



UNITY
unitygno.org



Ozanam Inn
ozanaminn.org



Odyssey House
ohlinc.org

Or if you want to give to people directly, you can donate:



Clean clothes/fabrics

Socks, scarfs, beanies, and blankets



Hygiene and care products

Hand sanitizers, wet wipes, pads and tampons, bug spray, and first aid kits



Food and water

Partner with an established food service provider to help provide meals in a safe and sanitary way

Don't waste food!

- Dumping large trays of food, raw meat, and leftovers can make people very sick.
- Food often spoils before people can finish it, and creates an unsanitary mess.
- Wasted foods attracts rodents and bugs and can lead to illnesses and outbreaks.
- Consider giving water bottles or small, unopened packaged healthy snacks.
- Help homeless individuals find the regular food kitchens and meals served by nearby providers.

When to call 311 or 911

3-1-1 | nola311.org

Contact 3-1-1 if you find public health issues such as needles, human waste, trash, and other hazards at an encampment. You can also contact 3-1-1 if you see a vulnerable adult and want to connect them to resources. Please keep in mind that 3-1-1 is for non-emergency issues.

9-1-1

Call 9-1-1 for emergencies only. You should call if you see a child or someone in distress with mental health issues or experiencing violence.

More Resources:

[Via Link LA Resource Database](http://vialink.org/resource-database)

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[New Orleans' Homeless Resource Page](http://nola.gov/homelessness)

nola.gov/homelessness

[CDC Homeless Resource Page](http://cdc.gov/phlp/publications/topic/resources/resources-homelessness.html)

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[National Alliance to End Homelessness](http://endhomelessness.org)

endhomelessness.org

